

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Akio KOBAYASHI et al.

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Examiner:

V. Bertoglio

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For:

METHOD FOR PROCESSING CELLS

## SMALL ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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